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SUBJECT: HOUSE ENDS DEBATE ON SBA'S

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1. HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES JUNE 5 ENDED DISCUSSION OF AKEL-INITIATED DEBATE ON "THE BRITISH BASES ON CYPRUS AND THEIR USE BY THE AMERICANS IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE TREATY OF ESTABLISHMENT". HOUSE ADOPTED NO RESOLUTION, BUT ACTING PRESIDENT XANTHOS CLERIDES UNDERTOOK TO TRANSMIT VIEWS OF ALL SPEAKERS TO EXECUTIVE BRANCH.

2. ONLY AKEL CHIEF PAPAIOANNOU SPOKE JUNE 5. HE BROKE NEW GROUND WITH "REVELATION" THAT UK IS SHIPPING WEAPONRY (MIS-
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SILES, ETC.) FROM AKROTIRI SBA TO TURKISH TROOPS IN NORTHERN

CYPRUS. ON BASIS CLAIM THAT UK SHIPS ARE ON-LOADING WEAPONRY FROM AKROTIRI, DEPARTING FOR THREE DAYS TO UNKNOWN DESTINATION, PAPAIOANNOU CONCLUDED: "IT APPEARS THAT THE UK WEAPONRY IS BEING TRANSPORTED TO THE TURKISH TROOPS WHO ARE OCCUPYING CYPRUS LAND, ON THE BASIS OF THE RECENT AGREEMENT WITH BRITAIN FOR THE SUPPLY OF ARMS TO TURKEY."

3. PAPAIOANNOU ALSO ARGUED THAT ONE COULD NOT SPEAK OF A DEMILITARIZED, INDEPENDENT, SOVEREIGN, TERRITOVALLY INTEGRAL CYPRUS WITHOUT "ABOLITION OF ALL FOREIGN BASES AND RADIO-RECEIVING SPY STATIONS." HE CLAIMED THAT MAKARIOS AND THE HOUSE AGREE ON THE NEED TO ABOLISH THE SBA'S.

4. IN SEVERAL SESSIONS OF DEBATE SINCE MAY 8, ALL BUT ONE OF SPEAKERS CAME FROM LEFT (AKEL AND LYSSARIDES FACTIONS). CLERIDES' UNIFIED PARTY REMAINED SILENT. ALL SPEAKERS CRITICIZED SBA'S; NONE DEFENDED REASONS WHY GOC GAVE PERMISSION FOR STATIONING OF USG PLANES.

5. UK HIGH COMMISSION RELAXED ABOUT OUTCOME BUT PLANS ISSUE STATEMENT REBUTTING RECKLESS CLAIM OF PAPAIOANNOU RE WEAPONS SHIPMENTS.
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